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a positioning device operable to establish a desired relative position between said first and second members, by moving said pair of guides and said pair of guide pieces relative to each other, said positioning device permitting said first and second members [permitting said first and second members] to maintain said desired relative position after said desired relative position is established,

wherein one of said first and second members has said operating portion and is movable relative to the other of said first and second members, to move said operating portion in said longitudinal direction,

and wherein said pair of guides are formed and positioned such that a vertical position of said operating portion changes as said operating portion is moved in said longitudinal direction.

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2. (ONCE AMENDED) The pedal device according to claim 1, wherein said pair of guides comprise a pair of straight guides which are positioned such that extension lines of said straight guides intersect each other such that an attitude of said operating portion changes as said operating portion is moved in said longitudinal direction as a result of a relative movement of said first and second members with said pair of guide pieces being moved in engagement with said pair of straight guides, respectively.

3. (ONCE AMENDED) The pedal device according to claim 2, wherein said pair of straight guides are position such that the vertical position of said operating portion is lowered while an operating surface of said operating portion is gradually inclined upwards as said operating portion is moved in a rearward direction of the vehicle parallel to said longitudinal direction.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) The pedal device according to claim 2, wherein said second member has said operating portion and is movable relative to said first member, and said positioning device comprises a relative-movement device including a feedscrew disposed on said first member such that said feedscrew is parallel to one of said pair of straight guides and rotatable about an axis thereof, and an internally threaded member connected to one of said guide pieces which engages said one of said pair of straight guides, said internally threaded member being held in engagement with said feedscrew and pivotable relative to said second

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member about an axis perpendicular to said approximately vertical plane, and wherein said relative-movement device is operable to rotate said feedscrew to move said second member relative to said first member and maintain said desired relative position between said first and second members after a rotary motion of said feedscrew is terminated.

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10. (NEW) The pedal device according to claim 1, wherein said pair of guides are formed and positioned such that the vertical position of said operating portion changes while an operating surface of said operating portion is gradually inclined as said operating portion is moved in said longitudinal direction.

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11. (NEW) The pedal device according to claim 1, wherein said pair of guides are formed and positioned such that the vertical position of said operating portion is lowered while an operating surface of said operating portion is gradually inclined upwards as said operating portion is moved in a rearward direction of the vehicle parallel to said longitudinal direction.

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12. (NEW) A pedal device mounted on a bracket fixed to a body of an automotive vehicle, and including a pedal arm having an operating portion at a lower end thereof, and a position adjusting device operable to adjust a position of said operating portion in a longitudinal direction of the automotive vehicle where said pedal arm is placed in a non-operated state thereof, said position adjusting device comprising:

a first member having a pair of straight guides which are positioned such that extension lines of said straight guides intersect each other;

a second member disposed movably relative to said first member in a vertical plane parallel to said longitudinal direction, and having a pair of guide pieces which are movable in engagement with said pair of guides, respectively; and

a positioning device operable to establish a desired relative position between said first and second members, by moving said pair of guides and said pair of guide pieces relative to each other, said positioning device permitting said first and second members to maintain said desired relative position after said desired relative position is established,

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wherein one of said first and second members has said operating portion and is movable relative to the other of said first and second members, to move said operating portion in said longitudinal direction, and

wherein said pair of straight guides whose extension lines intersect each other are formed and positioned such that a vertical position of said operating portion is lowered while an operating surface of said operating portion is gradually inclined upwards as said operating portion is moved in a rearward direction of the vehicle parallel to said longitudinal direction.
